

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-45 (Cancel)

Claim 46 (Withdrawn): A process for surface-treating a plurality of works comprising the steps of accommodating the works in a holder, surface treating the works accommodated in the holder while being rotated about an axis of the works, the holder comprising a wire which is coiled at distances in such a manner that it is formed as a spring-like tubular structure having spiral-line faces at opposite ends thereof, so that said works are accommodated in said tubular structure.

Claims 47-51 (Cancel)

Claim 52 (New): A work holder for surface treating work comprising a substantially tubular body formed of a continuous coiled wire, said coiled wire having spirally wound turns at opposite ends of said body defining end closure portions, and an intermediate portion extending between said end closure portions, said intermediate portion having turns therein disposed in mutually spaced relation suitable for holding said work therein.

Claim 53 (New): The work holder according to claim 52 wherein said body is generally cylindrical.

Claim 54 (New): The work holder according to claim 52 including means for preventing entanglement of the turns with those of another work holder in that said intermediate portion of said body includes a small diameter coiled spring wound around turns of said body.

Claim 55 (New): The work holder according to claim 52 including means for preventing entanglement of the turns with those of another work holder in that said intermediate portion of said body, adjacent each opposite end thereof is defined by a plurality of turns of wire having substantially no clearance therebetween.

Claim 56 (New): The work holder according to claim 52 wherein said end portion of said body is closed by a spiral winding which includes more closely wound turns in a central region of the end portion.

Claim 57 (New): The work holder according to claim 52 wherein said body is formed of stainless steel wire.